**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 25th May 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 Jesus has unfolded for us the mystery

 of God dwelling in us, a Divine Presence

 bringing peace.

1. We pray for Pope Leo as he takes possession of his Cathedral, the Basilica of Our Saviour at the Lateran today, and then goes to pray at the Basilica of St Mary Major to venerate the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Salus Populi Romani,* Protectress of the Roman People.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the Church of today, that it will have the same commitment to Christ’s gospel and pastoral care of the people, as we see in the Church of Jerusalem under the care of Peter and the apostles.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. **Adelaide Only**

We pray for Archbishop Patrick O’Regan as he celebrates the 5th

Anniversary as our Archbishop today, that filled with the Holy Spirit

he will guide, nourish and enthuse our local Church.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray at the conclusion of National Volunteers’ Week for all

who volunteer in our parish, Archdiocese, community and country,

that their generosity of spirit will bring hope to others.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray on this last day of Laudato si’ Week, marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis’ letter on Creation, that all will care for our common home for the sake of the whole of humanity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray unceasingly for peace in our broken world, in the destruction of Gaza, in the need for a ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia, in the brokenness of Myanmar, and the hunger of Sudan and South Sudan.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for those who have died that they will enter the heavenly Jerusalem where the Lamb of God will be its radiant light.

We also remember . . .

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

through Jesus you revealed to the nations

 your Church, filled with the Holy Spirit;

 may we continue his work in joy and with trust.

 Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 26th May 2025**

**St Philip Neri**

**Sixth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: We pray that the Holy Spirit

 will give us the wisdom and courage

 to witness to Jesus Christ in our daily lives.

1. May Pope Leo, in these early weeks of his papacy find time

for rest, reflection and rejuvenation.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May there be in the hearts and minds of all Christians

a deep sense of joy as seen in the heart and ministry of St Philip Neri

in Rome in the 16th century.

Christ, hear us.

1. May we in Australia honour this National Sorry Day by repenting of past sins, seeking reconciliation between indigenous and all other Australians, and bring to this day healing of memory, pain and separation.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those Christians who face hardship because of the witness they give to Christ, be sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the strong faith and devotion of Lydia, be a source of encouragement for all the women of our parish and community.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, we rejoice in your gifts, and we give thanks for

your salvation received.

Through Christ, our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 27th May 2025**

**St Augustine of Canterbury**

**Sixth Week of Easter Time**

Celebrant: My friends, Jesus’ promise of the Spirit

continues to console the Church today

as it serves in a fragile and struggling world.

1. That Pope Leo will continue to the preach the Gospel of peace,

urging nations to lay down weapons, and to co-operate in

bringing food, water, medical aid and shelter to the disposed and hungry.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the Church may listen carefully to the truth of Christ’s teaching,

and proclaim it with love and trust.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Spirit will help all people of goodwill

to recognize sin, and so to make a choice for all that is good and noble.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who are responsible for the safety and welfare of those in our prisons may carry out their tasks with respect and fairness.

Christ, hear us.

1. That St Augustine of Canterbury, who laid the foundation for a strong Church in England in the 6th century, may be a prayerful advocate for the Christians of Great Britain and for the unity of the Church.

Christ, hear us.

1. That this National Reconciliation Week, beginning today, with its theme of hope, *Bridging Now to Next*, engage all in this land to work toward a

united and respectful future.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, may the love of Jesus always sustain us.

for he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 28th May 2025**

**Sixth Week in Easter Time**

Celebrant: My friends, we admire the skill of St Paul as a teacher,

 that he could use the experience of the people to lead

 them to know Jesus.

1. That Pope Leo will receive the prayers of the whole Church

as he reflects upon his mission in the midst of the struggles of the Church

and the brokenness of our world, sustained by the gift of hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That this National Reconciliation Week will give us insights into the rich history, culture, art and spirituality of Australia’s First People.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who share the faith with children and adolescents

may be sensitive to their culture; and priests approach all people with pastoral love.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Spirit of truth may be with all politicians so that they can be true public servants working for the welfare of all in this land.

Christ, hear us.

1. That this National Senior Health and Fitness Day will promote their well-being, and give them hope to carry all difficulties with dignity.

Christ, hear us.

1. That we will carry in our hearts and prayers all who endure war and religious persecution, holding especially the people of Gaza and the Occupied West Bank.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

 Receive our praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 29th May 2025**

**St Pope Paul VI**

**Sixth Week in Easter Time**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, the Lord has the power to turn our sorrows into joy because he has conquered death

and been raised as the source of eternal life.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, that he will find in Pope Saint Paul VI an example of dedication and pastoral love to encourage him in his mission today.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for those who carry the burden of grief, that their present sorrow may be turned to joy through the action of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for cooperation and friendships in the Church as seen in the example of Paul living and working with Aquila and his family,

and then later with Justus and his family.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that the spirit of shared ministry between Paul, Silas and Timothy will be a model for our Archbishop, priests and deacons across the Archdiocese, united in their preaching the Gospel and serving with pastoral love.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray in this Australian National Reconciliation Week, that the work to bridge the gap will bring better health care, housing, education and employment to those struggling.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray on this International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers that they will carry out their tasks with devotion, be kept safe from harm, as we also remember those who have died or now live with injuries.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, may we make justice the foundation

of our relationships with one another.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 30th May 2025**

**(St Joan of Arc)**

**Sixth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus teaches us the true spirit of service.

1. We pray that those gathering for the Jubilee of families, children, grandparents and the elderly around Pope Leo, will be filled with hope

as they accompany one another on pilgrimage.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for the generations of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples that the wisdom of the elders will enrich the culture and spirit of the young as we mark National Reconciliation Week.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that Christians will show to others the joy of the gospel

which will lead them to Jesus Christ.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that there will be people of goodwill and integrity in all

governments, who like the proconsul Gallio, judged St Paul fairly,

and refused to be intimidated by the prejudices of the mob.

 Christ, hear us

1. We pray that peace will prevail across the Holy Land, ending conflict, oppression and suffering, and that talks between Ukraine and Russia will

end that war.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that Fr Vinh Tran and the people of Victor Harbor, along with the people of France, who honour St Joan of Arc as patron, will be inspired by her youthfulness, revealed in the depth of her faith, goodness of life and courage under adversity.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, through your Son lead us to heaven

 where he lives and reigned for ever and ever

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 31st May 2025**

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**(**Readings proper to the Feast)

(Preface of Vicitation in the Masses in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Celebrant: My friends, Mary’s charity to Elizabeth

and the blessing which the unborn Christ

brought to John brings joy to all who believe.

1. That Pope Leo will gladden the hearts of families, children, grandparents

and the elderly gathering in Rome for their Jubilee, so that in the midst of life trials they will be renewed in hope with love for one another.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That with Mary, we may sing the praises of God,

giving thanks for all God’s blessings.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the charity of Mary to her aged council Elizabeth

will help people to be respectful across the generations at all times.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the mercy of God may embrace all people, and bring to all distressed by war and violence the gifts of truth, justice and peace.

Christ, hear us.

1. That this Week of Prayer for National Reconciliation may ensure greater

appreciation of the contribution which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women make in their families, communities and across the nation.

Christ, hear us.

1. That Fr Josy Sebastian and the Catholic Community of Taperoo,

and the students and staff of their parish school, who honour Mary in her Visitation as patroness, may be abundantly blessed today.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, you are constantly in our midst,

renewing us in your love. May we always be grateful.

Through Christ our Lord.